Resolution Supporting "The Commonwealth Commitment to College and Career Readiness" by the

Kentucky Board of Education Commonwealth of Kentucky

- Whereas, The Kentucky Board of Education is committed to the continual improvement of the education system to ensure the success of all students; and
- Whereas, Too many students graduate from high school underprepared for college-level work and careers; and
- Whereas, Senate Bill 1 (2009), passed by the Kentucky General Assembly, requires P-12 and postsecondary education leaders to produce a plan to reduce remediation of high school graduates entering college by 50%, and this plan has been produced collaboratively by Kentucky's P-12 and postsecondary education leaders with the key elements being acceleration, interventions, advising and supports for persistence to graduation; and
- Whereas, In September 2010, campus presidents from Kentucky's colleges and universities signed a resolution pledging their commitment to be full partners with the Kentucky Department of Education in preparing high school graduates to be college and career ready; and
- Whereas, The new state accountability model, as approved by the Kentucky Board of Education, will include a college and career readiness measure to emphasize the importance of schools focusing on marked improvement in this area; and
- Whereas, The local superintendents and board chairs from 174 school districts have courageously signed "The Commonwealth Commitment to College and Career Readiness" pledging to increase the rate of college and career readiness of their districts' high school graduates by 50% between 2010 and 2015;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Kentucky Board of Education commends the P-12 and postsecondary partners and those local school districts that signed the "Commonwealth Commitment" for their unified focus on increasing college and career readiness statewide, and lends its support to ensuring that students are prepared for college and careers.

Done in the city of Frankfort, this thirteenth day of April, in the year Two Thousand and Eleven.

David Karem, Chair Kentucky Board of Education

Terry Holliday, Commissioner Kentucky Department of Education